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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subj: DON POLICY ON DIGITAL LOGISTICS TECHNICAL DATA

Ref:

- (a) DEPSECDEF memo of 2 Jul 97
- (b) USD(A&T) memo of 21 May 97 w/Addendum of 29 Jul 97
- (c) USD(A&T) memo of 15 Jul 97
- (d) DOD Regulation 5000.2-R
- (e) SECNAVINST 5000.2B
- (f) DISA DIICOE, Ver 3.1, Baseline Specifications, of 29 Apr 97
- (g) DOD JTA, Ver 2.0 of 26 May 98
- (h) DON ITSG, Ver 99-1, of 5 Apr 99

Encl: (1) Guidance on Acquisition and Conversion of Logistics Technical Data to Digital Form of 21 Jul 99

The Department of the Navy (DON) must conduct business in an efficient and cost effective manner. The cost of processes and infrastructure associated with the life-cycle management of hard copy (paper and film) technical data is expensive. New business practices that use digital technical data have demonstrated both cost savings and process improvements. References (a) through (c) established the requirement to build an integrated digital operating environment for all acquisition management and life-cycle support activities by the end of 2002 for all of the Department of Defense.

To achieve the goal of an integrated digital data environment for DON, Program Executive Officers, Direct Reporting Program Managers, and Systems Command Commanders must:

- a. require, plan, and provide for the delivery of, or on-line access to, logistics technical data in digital form;
- b. convert existing hard copy logistics technical data to digital form consistent with the DON use of standards when a business case analysis supports the conversion as cost effective;
- c. establish an integrated digital data environment that will directly support our acquisition management and lifecycle logistics support processes and interfaces to the DON

information infrastructure supporting acquisition, engineering, and business with an emphasis on total ownership cost (TOC);

- d. provide for appropriate protection of classified, sensitive, and unclassified digital data;
- e. apply appropriate business and process analyses to digital improvements to capture life-cycle savings.

DON will acquire all new digital logistics technical data in accordance with paragraph 3.3.5.5 of reference (d) and paragraph 3.3.4.5 of reference (e). DON will convert hard copy paper and film (legacy) technical documents to digital formats that comply with standards specified in enclosure (1) when conversion is cost-effective. Enclosure (1) provides specific guidance on acquisition and conversion of logistics technical data to digital form.

Management, access, and distribution of digital data will be accomplished using infrastructure and tools compliant with the Defense Information Infrastructure (DII) Common Operating Environment (COE), reference (f), the DOD Joint Technical Architecture (JTA), reference (g), and the DON Information Technology Standards Guidance (ITSG), reference (h).

Programs and activities that already possess pre-existing digital data, or are currently under contract for digital data, that differ from that specified herein and in enclosure (1) are not required to convert to new formats.

DON will continue to participate on government and industry digital data standards committees to advocate Navy requirements and capitalize on new and cost effective data standardization procedures.

The latest revisions of all references are to be assumed unless otherwise stated.

This policy is effective immediately.

Programs should be prepared to provide status of compliance with this policy when describing the extent of implementation of IDE requirements specified in paragraph 3.3.5.5 of reference (d).

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